

# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

WESTERN

District of

NORTH CAROLINA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

V.

NICHOLAS ALONSO HUERTA

*Defendant*

## ORDER OF DETENTION PENDING TRIAL

Case

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In accordance with the Bail Reform Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3142(f), a detention hearing has been held. I conclude that the following facts require the detention of the defendant pending trial in this case.

### Part I—Findings of Fact

- ☐ (1) The defendant is charged with an offense described in 18 U.S.C. § 3142(f)(1) and has been convicted of a ☐ federal offense ☐ state or local offense that would have been a federal offense if a circumstance giving rise to federal jurisdiction had existed - that is
- ☐ a crime of violence as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 3156(a)(4).
- ☐ an offense for which the maximum sentence is life imprisonment or death.
- ☐ an offense for which a maximum term of imprisonment of ten years or more is prescribed in \_\_\_\_\_ .\*
- ☐ a felony that was committed after the defendant had been convicted of two or more prior federal offenses described in 18 U.S.C. § 3142(f)(1)(A)-(C), or comparable state or local offenses.
- ☐ (2) The offense described in finding (1) was committed while the defendant was on release pending trial for a federal, state or local offense.
- ☐ (3) A period of not more than five years has elapsed since the ☐ date of conviction ☐ release of the defendant from imprisonment for the offense described in finding (1).
- ☐ (4) Findings Nos. (1), (2) and (3) establish a rebuttable presumption that no condition or combination of conditions will reasonably assure the safety of (an) other person(s) and the community. I further find that the defendant has not rebutted this presumption.

### Alternative Findings (A)

- X (1) There is probable cause to believe that the defendant has committed an offense
- X for which a maximum term of imprisonment of ten years or more is prescribed in 21 U.S.C. § 841& 846 under 18 U.S.C. § 924(c).
- X (2) The defendant has not rebutted the presumption established by finding 1 that no condition or combination of conditions will reasonably assure the appearance of the defendant as required and the safety of the community.

### Alternative Findings (B)

- X (1) There is a serious risk that the defendant will not appear.
- X (2) There is a serious risk that the defendant will endanger the safety of another person or the community.

SEE ATTACHED ADDENDUM TO DETENTION ORDER

### Part II—Written Statement of Reasons for Detention

I find that the credible testimony and information submitted at the hearing establishes by \_\_\_\_\_ clear and convincing evidence \_\_\_\_\_ a preponderance of the evidence that

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### Part III—Directions Regarding Detention

The defendant is committed to the custody of the Attorney General or his designated representative for confinement in a corrections facility separate, to the extent practicable, from persons awaiting or serving sentences or being held in custody pending appeal. The defendant shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity for private consultation with defense counsel. On order of a court of the United States or on request of an attorney for the Government, the person in charge of the corrections facility shall deliver the defendant to the United States marshal for the purpose of an appearance in connection with a court proceeding.

Date

Signature of Judge

Dennis L. Howell, United States Magistrate Judge

Name and Title of Judge

\*Insert as applicable: (a) Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. § 801 *et seq.*); (b) Controlled Substances Import and Export Act (21 U.S.C. § 951 *et seq.*); or (c) Section 1 of Act of Sept. 15, 1980 (21 U.S.C. § 955a).

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA  
ASHEVILLE DIVISION  
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**Vs.**

**ADDENDUM TO  
DETENTION ORDER**

**NICHOLAS ALONSO HUERTA.**

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**I. FACTORS CONSIDERED**

**18 U.S.C. § 3142:**

**(g) Factors to be considered.**--The judicial officer shall, in determining whether there are conditions of release that will reasonably assure the appearance of the person as required and the safety of any other person and the community, take into account the available information concerning--

**(1)** The nature and circumstances of the offense charged, including whether the offense is a crime of violence, a Federal crime of terrorism, or involves a minor victim or a controlled substance, firearm, explosive, or destructive device;

**(2)** the weight of the evidence against the person;

**(3)** the history and characteristics of the person, including--

**(A)** the person's character, physical and mental condition, family ties, employment, financial resources, length of residence in the community, community ties, past conduct, history relating to drug or alcohol abuse, criminal history, and record concerning appearance at court proceedings; and

**(B)** whether, at the time of the current offense or arrest, the person was on probation, on parole, or on other release pending trial, sentencing, appeal, or completion of sentence for an offense under Federal, State, or local law; and

**(4)** the nature and seriousness of the danger to any person or the community that would be posed by the person's release.

## II.

## FINDINGS

### As to factor:

**(g)(1):** The nature and circumstances of the offense charged involve methamphetamine, a controlled substance.

**(g)(2):** The weight of the evidence against the person appears to be at the level of probable cause. The grand jury has found probable cause to believe that the defendant committed the offense of conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute methamphetamine.

**(g)(3):** The history and characteristics of the person

(A) Family ties, employment, financial resources, length of residence in the community, community ties, past conduct, history relating to drug or alcohol abuse, criminal history and record concerning appearance at court appearances indicate that the undersigned cannot determine whether or not the defendant has family ties in the United States. The defendant is married. The undersigned cannot find that the defendant has employment or that he has a length of residence in the community. The defendant does not have any criminal history whatsoever.

The undersigned cannot find that the defendant has failed to appear at any court appearances, however, the defendant is in the United States illegally.

(B) At the time of the current offense or arrest, the defendant was on probation, parole or other release pending trial, sentencing, appeal or completion of sentence. It appears that this factor does not exist.

**(g)(4):** The nature and seriousness of the danger to any person or the community that would be posed by the person's release indicate that due to the nature of the charge against the defendant a presumption was created pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3142(e) that no condition or combination of conditions that would reasonably assure the appearance of the defendant as required or the safety of the community. No evidence has been presented to rebut this presumption. As a result, the undersigned is required by law to find that the release of the defendant would create a danger to any other person or the community and his release would create a risk of flight on his part. As a result, the undersigned must enter an order detaining the defendant pending further orders of the court.

**WHEREFORE**, it is **ORDERED** that the defendant be detained pending further proceedings in this matter.

Signed: July 9, 2008

Dennis L. Howell

Dennis L. Howell  
United States Magistrate Judge

